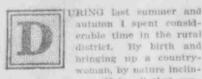


THE INVALUABLE WOMEN OF RURAL AMERICA



The Condition of the dioman of the American farm Is Not as It Was In the Old Days.



woman, by nature inclined to interest myself in all that concerns women, likewise a smattering noter of sociological and economic conditions, I have found much to think

about in the American rural regions.

For one thing, the American farm woman has changed not a little since the old days. Her mental scope is broader. Heavier responsibilities have been forced upon her, and she has accepted them. In some cases she whines a good deal under the burden, but more often not. More often she goes on sufficient to all emergencies and rather proud of it. Charlotte Perkins Gilman has startled the fogles of this land by declaring that married women would be better off and happier all round if they earned money of their own and were self dependent. Charlotte's heart would leap with joy if she were to see the farm women I have been among recently.

There is a popular hallucination that three or four great financiers, so called, hold up this nation. No doubt they do -in one sense. Some of their holdups are historic. But a chief factor in the real prosperity and development of the republic is and is to be the unknown, unsung women of the American farm

had any good country butter. "Country butter," you must know, is farm butter as distinguished from that made at the machine plant called a cream

"Sam," said the grocer to his clerk, "has old lady Jones brought her but-

Old hady Jones had done so, and her dairy product was prime. She had established so good a name for herself in the buttermaking field that she derived a considerable income therefrom. One woman well known to me clears several bundred dollars yearly from her farm dairy and her poultry. If she were paid wages for housework she would earn several hundred more, but she generously donates the household

There, too, is what one might call the summer boarder cult. It is spreading year by year. Hundreds of thousonds of city folk annually now pass rom two weeks to three months at furmhouses in the summer. It is not much fun, and it is a matter of much hard work for the countrywoman to take care of all these people, with their rown whims and prejudices, yet she

Well, what of it?" asks the fogy. as great as they used to be

vays sold butter and eggs to pay for somebody. Just so. It is the embroideries of the human life that differenti-

a respectable farm family are six times women who keep herds of fancy catas great as they used to be.

Give me the luxuries of life and I never in the newspapers do much more own carnings. Thousands of farm woods the man of the man "Haven't farm women always worked as they used to be."
Haven't farm women always worked as hard as they could? Haven't they can do without the necessities, says in the management of bovine stock men have profited by the liberal law stores is made in these cottages in the management of bovine stock men have profited by the liberal law stores is made in these cottages in the management of bovine stock men have profited by the liberal law stores is made in these cottages in the management of bovine stock men have profited by the liberal law stores is made in these cottages in the management of bovine stock men have profited by the liberal law stores is made in these cottages in the management of bovine stock men have profited by the liberal law stores is made in these cottages in the management of bovine stock men have profited by the liberal law stores is made in these cottages in the management of bovine stock men have profited by the liberal law stores is made in these cottages in the management of bovine stock men have profited by the liberal law stores is made in these cottages in the management of bovine stock men have profited by the liberal law stores is made in these cottages in the management of bovine stock men have profited by the liberal law stores is made in the management of bovine stock men have profited by the liberal law stores in the management of bovine stock men have profited by the liberal law stores is made in the management of bovine stock men have profited by the liberal law stores in the management of bovine stock men have profited by the liberal law stores in the management of bovine stock men have profited by the liberal law stores in the management of bovine stock men have profited by the liberal law stores in the management of bovine stock men have profited by the liberal law stores in the management of bovine stock men have profited by the liberal law stores in the management of bovine stock men have profited by the liberal law stores in the management of bovine stock men have profit than the rich woman who rears prize beeves for diversion. I know of one bank it in their own names. Sometimes work and keep their children in school Yes, my friend; the farin woman always has worked as hard as she could, worth the living. And it is the women and time out of mind has sold butter and eggs. But if you think she still the embroideries and turn existence into the real living. They do it through the outside the man's money is in one bank, the man's money is in another. The gain in freedom, self in their foundation of the foundation of the foundation of the foundation of the gain in freedom, self in the first that the development of the sevence of the foundation of woman who possessed through inher-trance considerable land of her own. husband has none, and again the wo-money they get for the sewing." old man's chewing tobacco with them you would be more than half wrong. doubt tobacco is an evil thing. Yet I Just here is the subtle change that has know one girl who gave herself a year at college from the proceeds of a todoes not buy the family greeries and does not buy the family greeries and

taken place in the farm woman. She does not buy the family groceries and the old man's chewing tobacco as much as she did.

She has learned better. She has become a money earner on her own account. Farm men still work as hard slim, pretty hands with the indexed in the proceeds of a to-bacco crop she had tended with her own hands. She became a schoolmistic many and pasture land and treative in appearance farm homes in the middle west are than they used to fattening beeves for the market. Then she saw light and has prospered since. She has her bank account now.

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Dec. In drives with a friend about one locality I knew formerly I mentioned and commented on the pretty homes we passed. The house of years ago.

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count. Farm men still work as hard as they ever did. Still they provide a home and bread and meat for their families. In pieneer days that was enough; at least it was considered so.

Would ever deam of associating her slim, pretty hands with the indescribable processes incident to the raising of tobacco plants.

She has her bank account bow, slim, pretty homes we freshly passed. The houses were freshly passed. The house were in perfect order and daughter had no bank accounts of their own. If there was a bank balance at tistic.

She Accepts her Increased Respon. sibilities Cheerful. ly and Is Mistress of the Situation.

how she managed to get bread and ing, nursing, doing rough work older boy in school till he war enough to go to work; then himself. That was some years as Now the older son is a highly respect professional man; the younger is ap

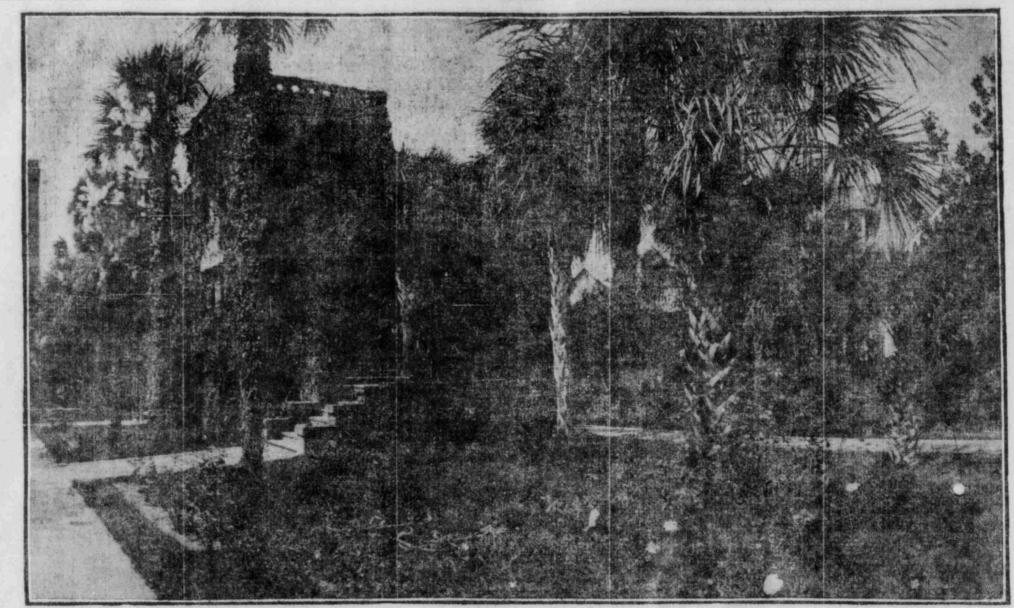
porting his plucky, noble mother count husband and father, with variably the houseful of children be fed and clothed. Here the women feeds them, as she must, but blame her if her soul is full o terness? I saw one of these r count men a few days ago. devotee of the whisky bottle. and grown daughter support the by making the shop clothing, and on day the daughter fainted at h machine. But that did not stop a grind. The grind must go on, no may ter how ghastly the grist.

"We didn't put up no jelly last say, mer," said the no account man, ar's too high."

The whisky he had poured down his throat would have bought sugar enough to provide jelly for a regiment all wir I looked the individual ov riously. I wanted to "size him to Once in New York city a day's set tion was produced by the arrival the of several Kentucky mountains point of interest about them for city folk was that they had never their lives worn any stockings, h genuine "Sockless Simpson zero weather. Well, you wouldn't lieve it unless I told you solemnly this no account farm man had sign of a stocking to his feet, it was biting winter, with snow ground, Fact! My friends know though I can tell a lie, I won't. in a prosperous county of the west, not an hour by train from a gr city, in a neighborhood where th house has its telephone and dally per, where the village has it lights and trolley cars, this man about sockless in the snew, and he doe not do it for his health either

Much pleasanter to think of are p brave, clean, comfortable women rural America. Obscure and unknown themselves, their children, well fed, w bred and well schooled, go out for their country homes to hold this public together and build it up. F their children the unknown unau mothers toli. I have seen scores these women driving about the cour try, fearless, independent, understa them. I greet them and bow to them! The old time has passed.

ELIZA ARCHARD CONNER



A HOME AT WHICH JACK FROST WILL NOT BE A NEW YEAR'S GUEST-AT PALM BEACH, FLA.

A Practical Method of Avoiding Nervous Prostration; Kate Clyde Seeks Rest on a Hudson River Farm

HIS is the age of what I call "how" literature. The idea is, you read a certain number of pages and you know all about

That would seem an easier way than learning by experience "How to Earn Your Living," "How to Be Beautiful," "How to Make Friends," "How to Be Happy." These are only a few of the subjects lightly treated in attractively bound volumes. You get them for a dollar or so, and, behold, you solve one of the big problems of life without

Then there is the practical seriespractical this and practical that-but the chief of them all is called "Practical saving your soul and makes getting into heaven a cinch (according to the author), and it costs only 75 cents. Then there are home study courses. They fit a woman to be anything. But yesterday gave me my first genuine surprise in that line. It was a luxurions home study series in twelve volumes teaching one how to be a home-

There is a volume on babics, one on which includes materials for house and tells you how to make buttonholes and ter of an old fashioned bed writing simple embroidery, how to make children's clothes, etc. Another volume deals with household economics. others you read about cooking, hyglene, home nursing, interior decora-

In a word, it teaches woman the protession which she ought to know by nature, but which she has scorned and forgotten in her wild endeavor to mashomemaking is raised to the level of a profession, and we pay to learn our

That's a good sign. It shows that women are realizing that their most successful careers do not consist in smulating men and that it's quite a profession in itself to be a competent

I hope there will be some more books

of that sort published, "Oh, For a Lodge," Etc.

A friend who has an analytical nature was discussing a man and wife who quarrel all the time, and she said: They would be able to live together if they could get away from each other

How true that is, especially in these

You read of couples who have lived for years in perfect harmony and have want to go up into the wilds of the never been separated for an hour. frozen north or across the continent never been separated for an hour.
I say you read of them!

week or even a Sunday off we come back with an entirely different point of view and wonder why we ever found things so hard.

doctor, ought to have some place in the country where he may rest from Saturday till Monday every now and then. And every city woman should have some place, either with friends r as a paying guest, where she may

"Spare your nerves, my city friends," says the good man, "and you will avoid nervous prostration and a whole lot of

As for myself, I admit there's an old farmhouse I fly to when New York and life in general get on my nerves

It's only a little over an hour by rail from town, and they always give me a big room at the top of the house with three dormer windows and quaint green furniture. All the old books you ever heard of line the walls, and from son and the beautiful surrounding hills

this. I am very lazy, you see, and don't get up until noon. My breakfast tray is on a table at my side, and the glow of a pleasant fire fills the room. Outside the snow is falling, making fairyland out of the tall, leafless

branches of the trees. You would think you were thousands of miles from any city. Three days of this beat all the tenics and medi-

ines in the world. Apropos of Furs.

Speaking of snow brings me quite naturally to the subject of furs. Good this year. The head of one of the fash could not get men any longer to take the risks they used to. They don't into Siberia and Russia,

But the sensible woman goes on a They get too well paid for things any idea of. You ought to see the fine everything, and that in the bosom of her gown, some forvacation now and then, and the sensible woman goes on a with less risk attached to them. She wants to go to New York and vacation now and then, and the sensible woman goes on a with less risk attached to them. "Women are beginning to wear horse- The husband of a frien sible man does the same.

Half the time we make life unpleasant for each other simply for physical

"Women are beginning to wear horseskin," he said, "and if prices continue ing a set of mink furs for her the other simply for physical to go up because of the scarcity, of other day. The price was \$300. The

pelts, and dog, cat and rabbit skins man knows mighty little about fur, by it!" will be quite the thing. By the way." the way. more popular than its wearers have snorted. "Same size, same color, same from there, and she brought, hidden

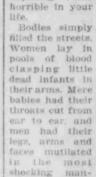
reasons, because we are worn out and wild animals we shall see all the do-salesman showed him a set of sables other interrupted him. want a rest. After we have enjoyed a mestic animals forced to give up their of which the price was \$3,000. The "Enough said!" he compared to the price was \$2,000.

The husband of a friend was buy- The salesma

he added, with a grin, "catskin is "Now, what's the difference?" he

"Enough said!" he cried, "It's worth

I agree with him.



bidden photographs.

r the Cossacks

You never saw

anything more

faces mutilated "What's the difference?" he snorted.

shocking manner. You wonder whether such pictures don't belong to the time of Nero instead | were not enough. of to a Christian century.

This is not cheerful material for the Kate Clyde letter, but one subject leads naturally to another, and no Russla for mine!

Lack of Concentration.

I always feel sorry for the girl who sewing hours, or doesn't go about earning her living in the the right way. She doesn't make her on account of choice of a certain line and then stick the school work, to it, but instead she does half a dozon or the extra things badly.

There's an instance of that a quarter poorly done on of a mile from here. Two girls were account of the left a nice farminouse with large grounds for sole inheritance. They began by taking a few boarders. At first they treated these well. Then the prisons a foolish younger of the two girls began to have woman who won't realize that gas stage aspirations, and the house suffored. Fires went out on chilly days, and there was no hot water, etc. The bearders, who had come up for a rest or on account of delicate health, soon left. Then they tried to make eggs, butter and milk pay. They kept 200

Then, foo, there are some occupations and obtained about as many cars. hens and obtained about as many eggs tions that burt each other. For least one of the negative as one of the negat as one of the neighbors who has two stance, no woman who is a brain worker dozen. About this time the older giri should make her own clothes. It is decided to go in town and be a stenag- too nervous an occupation.

hat about eat up two-thirds of what ous the country makes one!
she makes. Meanwhile the farm is goshe makes. Meanwhite the farm is go-ing to rack and ruin. The live stock and I shall give you some friveloss. s taken care of by one man, who does news. I in haplurard fashion and with an eye to his own profit. No one comes to

Meantime the stagestruck daughter has changed her mind and decided to be a newspaper woman, although l don't know what paper will put up with her slipshod ways.

They are scenes taken in a village room, and she is trying to sell the homestead for little or nothing. Foolish, foolish girls! They have besides a home, a fortune right in the own land and live stock if they will work for it in a thorough, systems people who are tired, like myself, or

There is another kind of working we

It's the girl who tries to do too much She simply can't do it all well. know one schooltencher who work hard all day, who does extra we the evening, runs a housekeeping apariment, and,

all this own clothes! Now, some-hing has to suffer, either the school work because of late housework



It is a vicious The farm is going to

But if you get me on that subject! Her commutation ticket and lunches could talk forever. Strange how sell-

At a Farmhouse on the Hudson

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN.

New Zealand has now its domestic servants' union, one proposed rate of which is that servants are to have all the statutory whole helidays, any work done on those days to be paid for extra at the rate of 1 shilling per hour.

To keep paims in the house in a heep paims in the house in a healthy condition you should spongs the less and the platform, and

New Zealand has now its domestic | treated in this manner will live a long | and the nice girl always attracts to her

Huck, is well known in both American and European societ life.

regulated life. Politeness always pays. at once to a sprained ankle will often and the nice girl always attracts to her prevent swelling. Cold talt and water

THE RICHEST BOYS IN THE WORLD.

The two sons of Mrs. Marshall redu. It is the late alarshall redu sonly son, are the richest little boys in the United States. The great Chicago merchant left an estate valued at \$150,000,000. By his will the bulk of this fortune is to be held in trust until one of his grandsons reaches the age of fifty years. Then, if both are living the estate is to be divided between them, the elder receiving three-fifths and the younger two-fifths. Marshall reduce the state is to be divided between them, the elder receiving three-fifths and the younger two-fifths. Marshall reduce the state is to be divided between them, the elder receiving three-fifths and the younger two-fifths.

shall Field 3d is now thirteen years of age, and his brother Henry is eleven. Mrs. Field, who was Miss. Albertine

The two sons of Mrs. Marshall Field, Jr. the widow of the late Marshall Field's only son, are the richest little

Lovedale Native institute. She is the 1.8 below the ten year average, first colored woman in South Africa to An interesting experiment is being

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